



# Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Billy Thurmond



# State of Dawson County





# Areas of Discussion

- Transportation Projects
- Planning & Development
- SPLOST VII Projects
- Finances
- Funding Options
- Current BOC Projects
- Challenges
- Questions



## TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS DAWSON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

State/Federal Projects	Details	Fund Source	Estimated Construction Year
SR9 @ Bannister Road	Roundabout	GDOT	Let date June 2024
SR53 @ Thompson Creek	Bridge	GDOT	Let date April 2027
SR136 @ Keith Evans Road	Roundabout	GDOT	2027
SR53 @ Shoal Creek 1.6 miles West of Dawsonville	Bridge	GDOT	2028
Shoal Creek Road at Shoal Creek	Bridge	GDOT	Construction to begin early 2024
SR52 from SR183 to Gilmer County	Resurfacing	GDOT	Under contract for 2024
SR136 @ Toto Creek	Bridge	GDOT	In progress
SR400 from SR53 to SR60 Lumpkin County	Resurfacing	GDOT	Let date 2025
SR400 @ several locations in Dawson County	Resurfacing	GDOT	In progress
SR400 @ Harmony Church Road/Lumpkin Campground Road	Signal upgrade for permitted left turn	GDOT	In progress
Local Projects	Details	Fund Source	Estimated Construction Year
SR136 @ Shoal Creek Road	Roundabout	SPLOST VI	Spring 2024
Elliott Road	Widen travel lanes, paving and drainage	Unknown	2025
Burt Creek Road from SR136 to County Line	FDR	SPLOST VII	2024
Nix Bridge Road	Deep patching and resurfacing	LMIG	Spring 2024
Chestatee View Court	Resurfacing	LMIG	Spring 2024
Laurel Lane	Paving	LMIG	Spring 2024
Shoal Creek Road	Resurfacing	SPLOST VII	2024 (before bridge is completed)

# Planning & Development

**2023:**

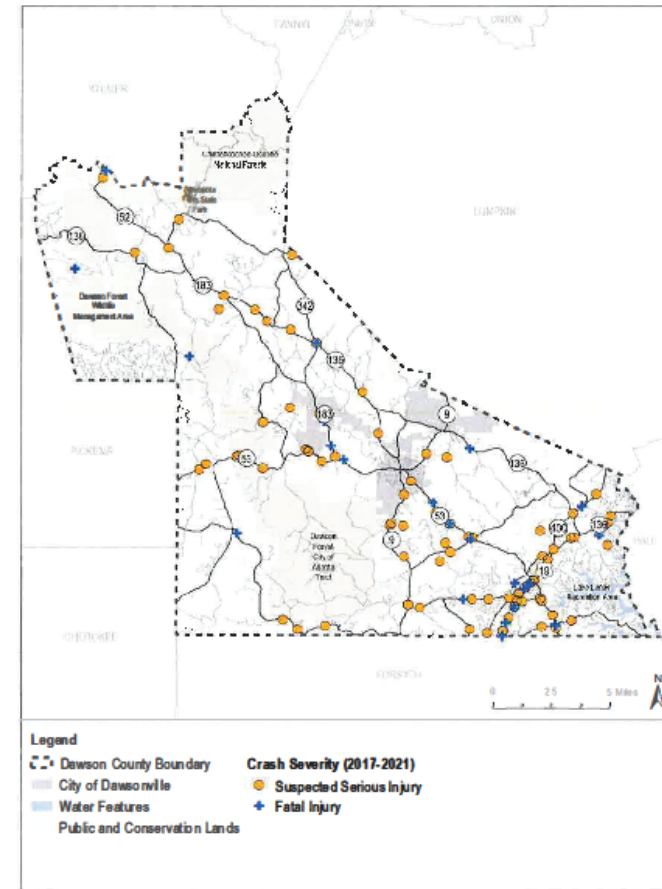
○ Business License Renewals	1,264
○ New Business Licenses	349
○ Commercial Building Permits (buildout / tenant change)	137
○ New Commercial Structure Permits	15
○ Commercial Sign Permits	67
○ Residential Building Permits (repair/ upgrade)	280
○ New Single-Family Residential Units	518
○ Zoning Applications (Land Use Amendments)	16



# Comprehensive Transportation Study

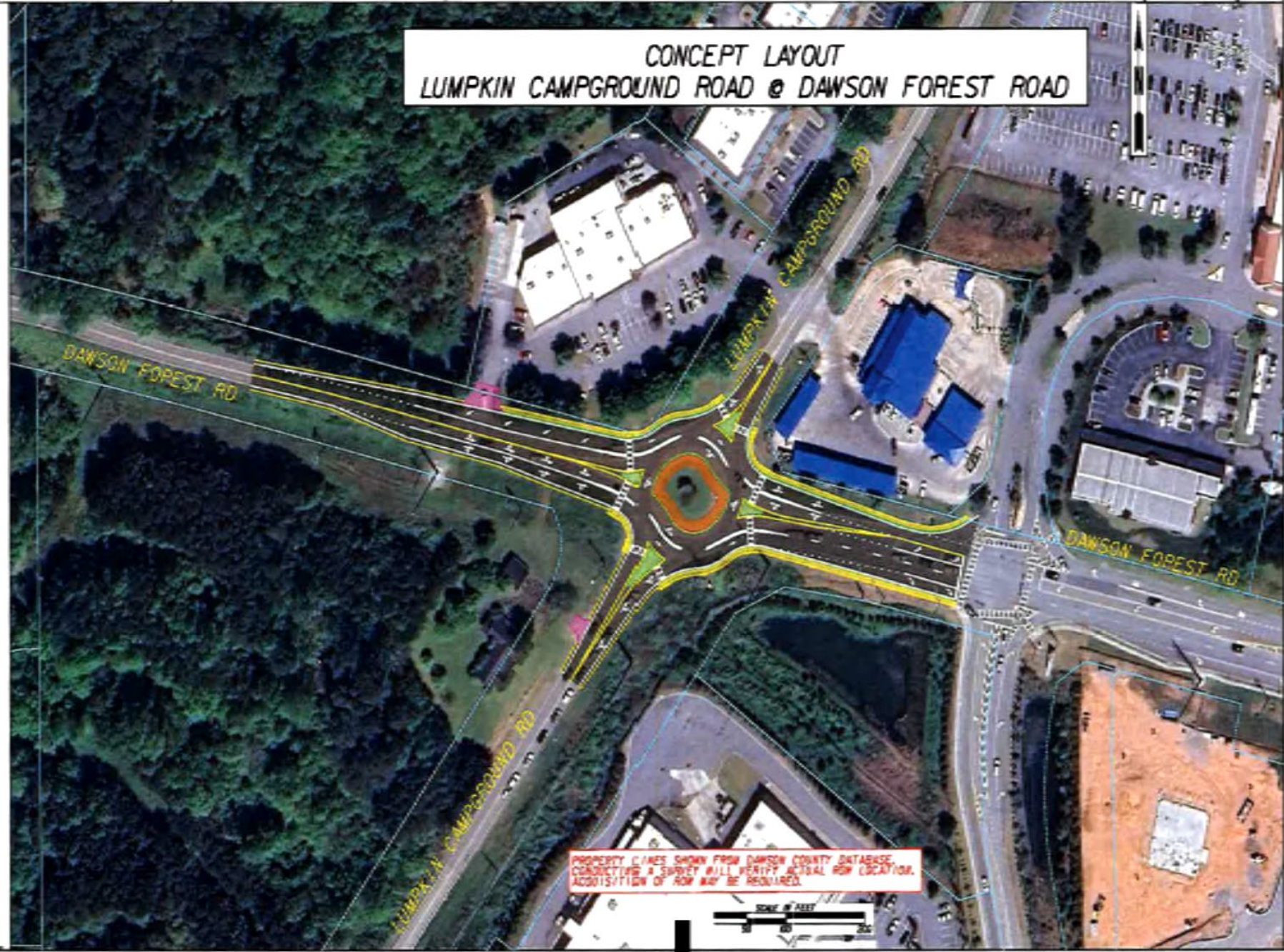
- o Transportation Element added to the Comprehensive Plan;
- and-
- o Completion of the Lumpkin Campground Road Corridor Study

Figure 3-11. Fatal and Serious Injury Crashes (2017-2021)





# CONCEPT LAYOUT LUMPKIN CAMPGROUND ROAD @ DAWSON FOREST ROAD



PROPERTY LINES SHOWN FROM DAWSON COUNTY DATABASE.  
CONDUCTING A SURVEY WILL VERIFY ACTUAL ROW LOCATION.  
ACQUISITION OF ROW MAY BE REQUIRED.









# Commercial Projects

- Tire Discounters
- Dawson Commons Medical
- Northside Drive Medical Building
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Anderson Medical Expansion
- Kroger Outparcel - Image Hair Salon
- Dawsonville Medical Office Building
- Northside Medical Offices
- Arrow Storage
- Ghost Kitchen - *Walmart*
- RaceTrac Addition
- Goss Orthodontist
- Strickland Brothers Oil
- East Gate Holdings - Lumpkin Campground
- Dawson Yards Office - Warehouse – Highway 53

# Residential Projects

## (number of lots)

- Kilough Point [2023] - 226
- The Oaks [2023] - 136
- Crosby Square [2023] - 120
- Castleberry Pointe [2024] - 82
- Creekside [2023] - 76
- Dawson Grove [2023] - 179
- Sosebee Creek [2021] - 263
- The Woods [2022] - 109
- Etowah Preserve [2022] - 288
- Riley Place [2022] - 144
- Enclave [2023] - 145
- Lee Castleberry [2024] - 82
- Chestatee East Harbor II [2023] - 66
- Grandview [2024] - 139
- Hughes Court [2024] - 89

\*[year of plat approval]





SPLOST VII  
Projects





# Finances

FY 2024 Budget Adopted on November 16, 2023:

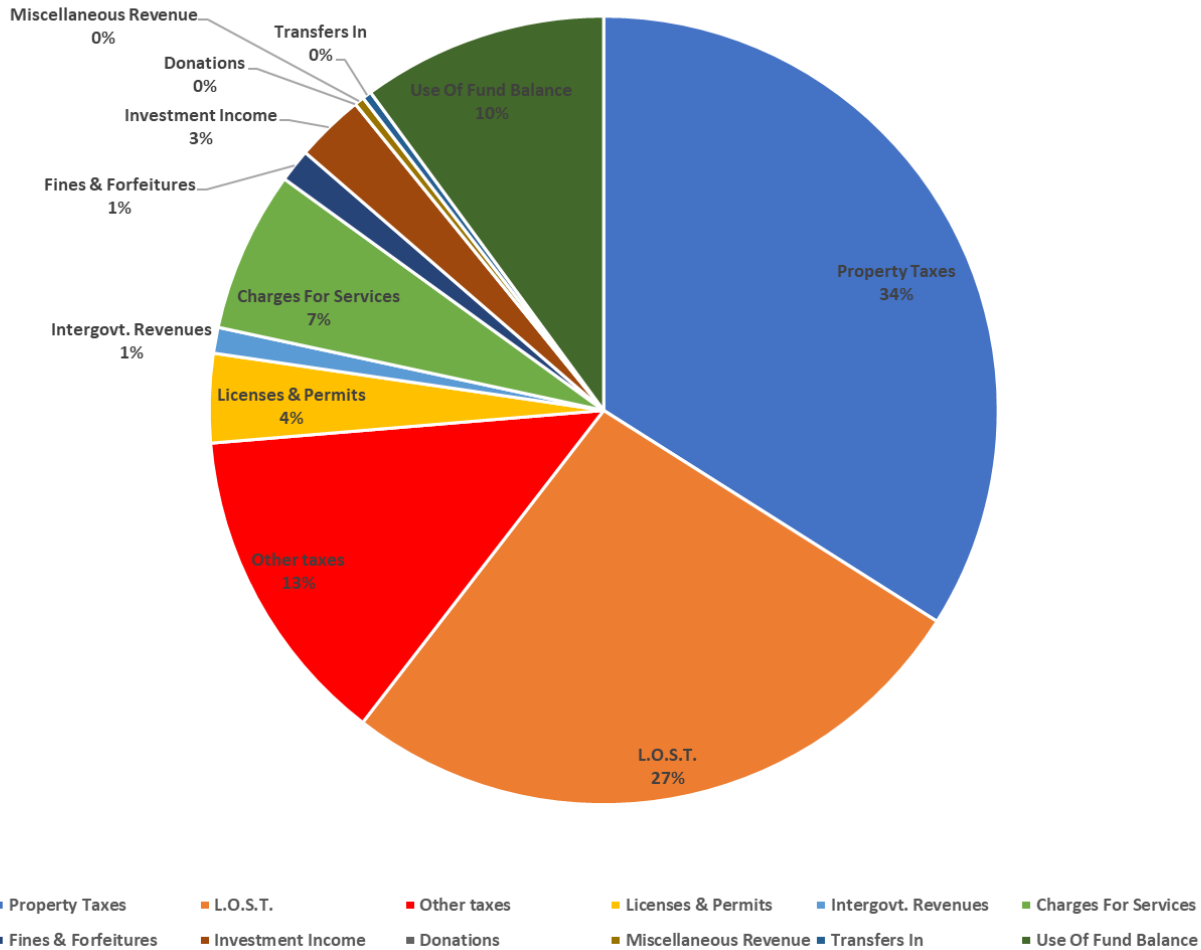
- \* General Fund Total Budget: \$43,437,258
- \* Total All Funds Budget: \$69,664,740

# FY 2024 General Fund Revenues

	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2023 Amended	%	FY 2023 Original
			Change	
Property Taxes	14,762,722	14,267,096	3.47%	14,267,096
L.O.S.T.	11,500,000	10,500,000	9.52%	10,500,000
Other taxes	5,739,800	5,316,500	7.96%	5,316,500
Licenses & Permits	1,584,150	1,331,450	18.98%	1,331,450
Intergovt. Revenues	460,200	397,000	15.92%	397,000
Charges For Services	2,869,630	2,763,485	3.84%	2,694,920
Fines & Forfeitures	590,100	378,500	55.90%	378,500
Investment Income	1,223,500	13,225	9151.42%	13,225
Donations	-	45,742	-100.00%	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	171,340	369,019	-53.57%	183,575
Transfers In	164,610	111,860	47.16%	111,860
Use Of Fund Balance	4,371,206	3,089,776	41.47%	2,098,495
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 43,437,258</b>	<b>\$ 38,583,653</b>	<b>12.58%</b>	<b>\$ 37,292,621</b>



# FY 2024 General Fund Revenue Sources

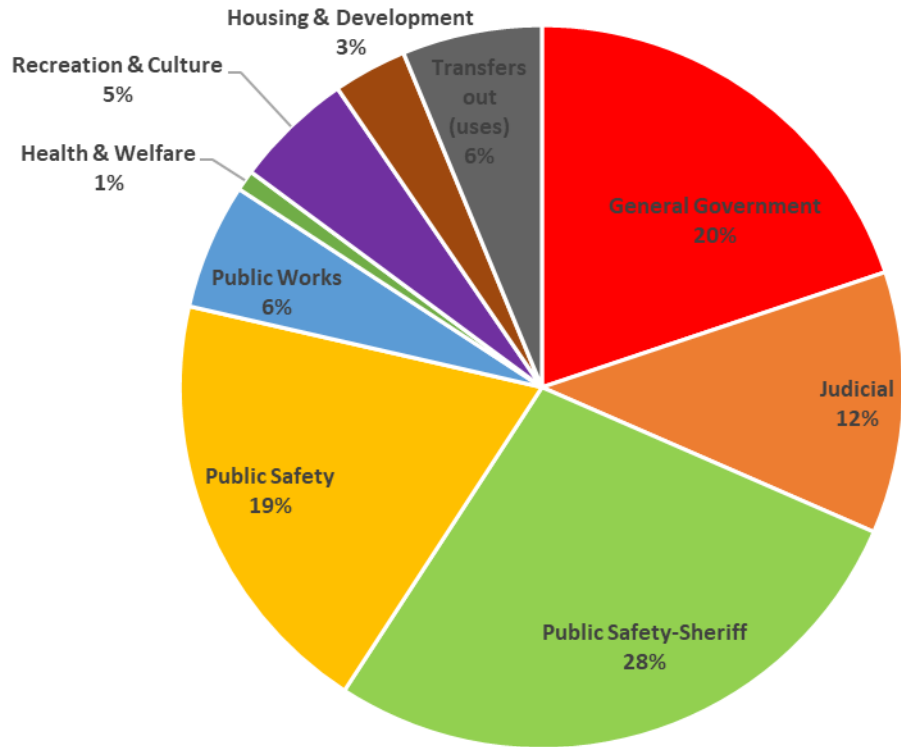


## FY 2024 General Fund Expenditures by Function

	<b>FY 2024 Approved Budget</b>	<b>FY 2023 Budget Amended</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>FY 2023 Budget Original</b>
General Government	8,620,015	7,021,120	22.77%	7,669,172
Judicial	5,081,908	4,635,788	9.62%	4,440,184
Public Safety-Sheriff	12,006,483	10,900,355	10.15%	10,270,805
Public Safety	8,431,781	7,292,671	15.62%	7,159,237
Public Works	2,445,738	2,278,038	7.36%	2,174,497
Health & Welfare	398,734	489,173	-18.49%	381,168
Recreation & Culture	2,304,737	2,229,972	3.35%	1,932,986
Housing & Development	1,433,919	1,402,455	2.24%	1,363,869
Transfers out (uses)	2,713,943	2,334,081	16.27%	1,900,703
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,437,258</b>	<b>38,583,653</b>	<b>12.58%</b>	<b>37,292,621</b>



# FY 2024 General Fund Expenditure Allocation



# FY 2024 Grant Transfers

## FY 2024 DAWSON COUNTY GRANTS FUND

<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>GRANT BUDGET</u>	<u>COUNTY MATCH/BUDGET</u>
Treatment Court	248,686	in kind
Match for potential grants	50,000	50,000
Superior Court-ARPA	298,778	
K-9	112,204	-
H.E.A.T. Grant	126,465	50,587
Bulletproof Vest Grant	14,714	7,357
GA Forestry	10,000	5,000
EMPG	15,568	7,784
EMS Trauma Equipment Gran	5,500	-
Hazard Mitigation	30,000	7,500
LMIG	686,794	206,038
Legacy Link	550,000	400,000
Legacy Link (Respite Care)	40,000	20,000
DOT Capital Grant	13,000	13,000
Transit	310,000	78,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,511,709</b>	<b>\$ 845,266</b>



# Funding Options

- Property Taxes
- Impact Fees
- SPLOST VII (Started July 1, 2021)
- Grant Funding
- Other Fees, Etc.
- T-SPLOST (May 2024 Ballot)

# Current BOC Projects

- Future Land Use Plan for Needed Amendments
- Ordinance Updates
- Service Delivery Strategy



# Challenges

- Labor Force
- Growth Management
- Economic Diversity

# Questions?

